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SUBJ: SPECIAL GA SESSION: MEETING OF NON-ALIGNED, FEB. 4

1. IN WHAT STRUCK US, AS NON-PARTICIPANTS, TO BE RATHER AMORPHOUS SESSION, "NON-ALIGNED" MET AFTERNOON FEB 4 TO DISCUSS ALGERIAN PROPOSAL FOR SPECIAL SESSION. THOSE SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF CONFERENCE INCLUDED EGYPT, CUBA, MEXICO AND YUGOSLAVIA. OTHERS STATED THEY HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS AND AGREEMENT WAS REACHED TO MEET AGAIN LATER THIS WEEK.

2. ALTHOUGH SOME LATINS AND ASIANS REPORTEDLY ARE ARGUING THAT SPECIAL SESSION IN MARCH WILL NOT ALLOW FOR AMPLE PREPARATION TO DISCUSS ANYTHING EXCEPT ENERGY, SOME AFRICANS ARE ARGUING THAT SUFFICIENT RESEARCH ALREADY HAS BEEN MADE AND THAT ECOSOC AND UNCTAD DOCUMENTS PROVIDE ADEQUATE BASIS FOR FULL DISCUSSION OF RAW MATERIALS, LITERALLY INCLUDING PEANUTS AND COCONUTS.

3. MANY AFRICANS ARE BANDYING ABOUT IDEA OF SIX-WEEK SESSION. WE HAVE HEARD NO FURTHER MENTION OF POSSIBLE CHANGE IN VENUE FROM NEW YORK TO GENEVA.

4. YUGOSLAV DCM JOB TOLD AMB SCHAUFLELE THAT MENTION
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WAS MADE OF NEED TO ADVANCE DATE OF MEETING IN ALGIERS

OF NAC COORDINATING COMMITTEE AT FONMIN LEVEL PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 19-21. JOB ALSO QUOTED ALGERIAN PERMREP RAHAL AS HAVING SAID ONE AIM OF SPECIAL SESSION WOULD BE TO GET GA RATIFICATION OF RELEVANT ALGIERS DECISIONS.

5. AS OF COB FEB 4, ONLY EGYPT AND FINLAND HAD REPLIED AFFIRMATIVELY TO SYG'S LETTER POLLING MEMBERSHIP ON DESIRE FOR SPECIAL GA SESSION. SECRETARIAT SOURCE PREDICTS SOME AFRICANS WILL ATTEMPT TO SLOW DOWN RATE OF AFFIRMATIVE REPLIES SO THAT EARLY MEETING WOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH SYG'S PLANNED AFRICAN TRIP, SCHEDULED TO END MARCH 4. JOB ALSO MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF DELAYING FINAL AFFIRMATIVE REPLIES SO THAT SESSION DOES NOT HAVE TO BEGIN TOO EARLY. IN PASSING REMARK IN CORRIDORS, UK PERMREP MAITLAND SAID IT MIGHT BE BEST CONVENE SESSION AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE SINCE SPONSORS OBVIOUSLY UNPREPARED FOR IT.
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